The proposals for the year 2005-06 have not been received from the State.

(b) to (d) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) launched in December 2000 envisages to provide connectivity to all Unconnected Habitations in the rural areas of the country, including in Tamil Nadu, with a population of more than 500 persons through good All-weather roads by the end of the Tenth Plan period. In respect of the Hill States (North-East, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Uttaranchal), Desert areas and Tribal (Schedule-V) areas, the objective is to connect Habitations with a population of 250 persons and above.

Pending proposal for NCES of Chhattisgarh

† 3653. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest status of the approval of the pending proposals regarding non-conventional energy sources during 2004-05 in the State of Chhattisgarh;

(b) the reasons for delay in granting approval;

(c) whether any incentive is being given by his Ministry to the States in the field of bio-diesel; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) The details of proposals received from Chhattisgarh for programmes/schemes of this Ministry are given in the Statement. (See below) Proposalswould be considered on receipt of clarifications/revised proposals from the State and clearance would be immediately given depending upon techno- economic feasibility, fulfilment of terms and conditions as per the provisions of respective programmes and availability of funds.

(c) and (d) Alternate fuels, namely, hydrogen, bio fuels and synthetic fuels are still in the developmental phase. R&D efforts are underway to align the characteristics and cost of bio fuels to those of diesel. In this connection, Central financial assistance is being provided to some test projects on village energy security that aim to meet the entire energy needs of cooking, lighting and motive power of a village through renewables,

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

notably biomass and bio fuels. The successful completion of the test projects will pave the way for starting a Village Energy Security Programme (VESP) with suitable provision for Central Financial Assistance.

Statement

Details of proposals received from Chhattisgarh for programmes/ schemes of this Ministry

SI. No.	Proposals received
1.	**Remote Village Electrification**
1.	Electrification of 100 remote villages through solar photovoltaic power plans/systems.
2.	Electrification of 5 de-electrified remove villages through solar photovoltaic power plants.
3.	Electrification of 50 remote villages through bio-diesel.
II.	**Energy Parks**
4.	Setting up of district level energy parks at District Kanker, Jagdalpur and Rajnandgaon.
III.	**Urban & Industrial Waste**
5.	Generation of power from 20 tonnes per day vegetable & fruit market waste at Raipur.
IV.	**Biomass Gasifier**
6.	200 kw biomass gasifier project by M/s Unique Structures & Towers Ltd. Raipur.
7.	300 kw biomass gasifier project by M/s Shiv Shakti Steel Ltd., Raigarh.
8.	1000 kw biomass gasifier project by M/s Saket Industries Ltd. Chhattisgarh.

Deregulation for the growth of wind energy

3654. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that deregulation of the energy industry will provide a huge impetus for the growth of wind energy;